

White House COVID-19 Response Team and the Black Press



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By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Correspondent

Misinformation and disinformation are the primary drivers for vaccine hesitancy in African-American and Latino neighborhoods. Still, individuals should cautiously seek trusted voices in their respective communities who only present life-saving facts. That is the message from

two of the nation’s leading physicians, who are members of the White House COVID-19 Response Team. In a special live interview with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith and Dr. Cameron Webb extolled the importance of everyone getting fully vaccinated.

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Congressman Bennie Thompson addresses Jackson State University 2021 graduates

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The ceremony for the 2021 Undergraduate Class of Jackson State University was held at 9 a.m., Saturday May 8, at Veteran’s Memorial Stadium in Jackson, MS. The keynote speaker was U. S. Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson, 2nd District. There were hundreds of attendees present and the ceremony was also live streamed.

Thompson said to the students, “For the past four, five, six and maybe seven years you have struggled to get to this day and all the late nights and early mornings have paid off.” He told the graduates that they represented the hopes and dreams of those in the audience that were proud of them for the momentous milestone they had reached.

On the eve of Mother’s Day 2021, Thompson said, “You have the great responsibility to never forget to whom much is given much is required. Your responsibility is greater because of the world that is presented before you.”

He reminded the graduates that Breanna Taylor, Dante Wright and others were all their age when they died at the hands of local police officers. “The system has a long way to go before we are all treated equal, so be careful. Use your faith in God and the knowledge you have gained to create a path for yourself to succeed.”

Inspired by the words of Thompson, India Fuller, upon receiving a B.S. degree in mass communications, said, “I am so proud that I graduated from a Historically Black College and University institution. (HBCU) Not only because it is a HBCU,

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JSU 2021 Undergraduate Speaker, Congressman Bennie Thompson

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Jackson State honors 2021 grad school students and Golden Class of 1971: First of three commencement ceremonies

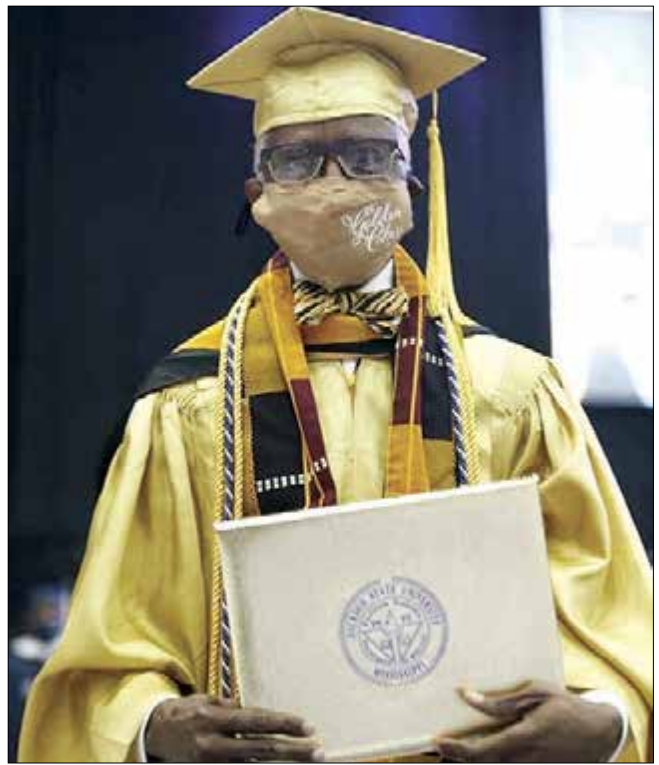
By Janice K. Neal-Vincent
Contributing Writer

We learn in Ecclesiastes (NIV) that “there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.” Such is the case of Jackson State University’s 2021 graduates. Trailblazers that they are, they are embarking on new beginnings. New moments arose for them in the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center at 9 a.m. Friday, May 7.

“This class deserves all of our thanks, all of our love...You’ve done incredible things these past few years. You have heeded the call and have done all the work that brought you to this day,” persisted Thomas Hudson, (J.D.) president.

Jackson Public School Superintendent, Errick L. Greene, Ed.D., spoke candidly when he told the graduates: “Live your life while you’re alive”

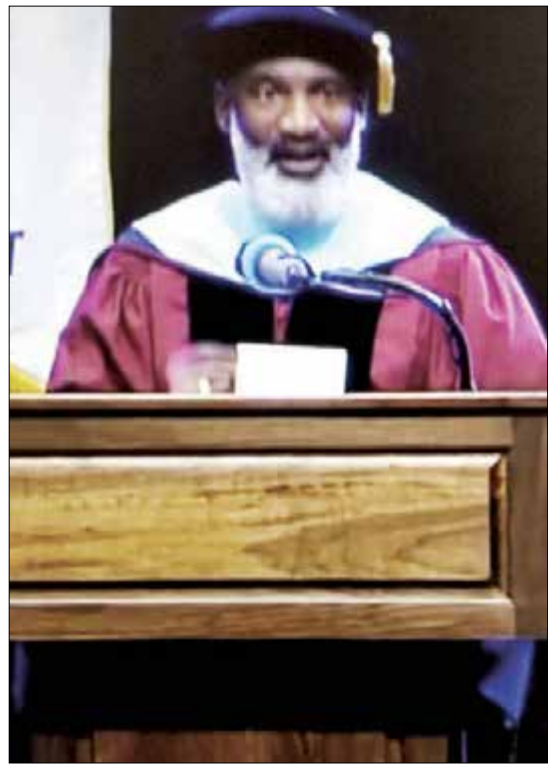
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Sen. Hillman Frazier received JSU Golden Diploma, Class of 1971



JSU President Hudson, speaker



JPS Superintendent Errick Greene, speaker

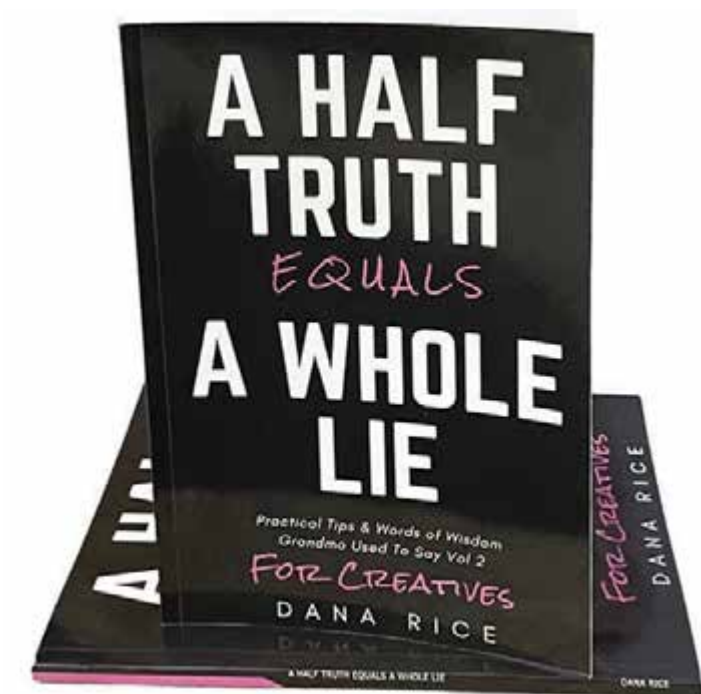
Mississippi native Dana Rice motivates creatives to possess talent, skill and wisdom in her new book

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent
Contributing Writer

A piano teacher, vocal coach, writer and performance artist, Dana Rice has written her second book of wisdom which trickles down from her grandmothers when she was a child. Residing in Dacula, Georgia, she grew up in Jackson and engaged in numerous conversations with her grandmothers about their lives’ journey. These conversations continued throughout her undergraduate years as an honor student and chemistry major at Jackson State University.

“Growing up black in the South – and especially in Mississippi – the importance of reverencing elders was duly instilled in me. My grandmothers sat in a place of respect and therefore, their words and teachings were counted as important,” noted Rice.

Rice recalled that after dinner her paternal grandmother and father (Angie and Charles of Farmhaven, MS both deceased) “would have me play the piano for them since I was taking piano lessons. When I found myself playing piano in Episode 6 of HBO’s Emmy Winning Series, Watchmen, [they] positioned me to be ready for such a magnificent



opportunity,” she said.

The author’s maternal grandmother (92-year-old Ruby Lee Kenney of Jackson, MS) spoke constantly about being “financially sound as an artist.” She never saw her work outside the home, though her deceased maternal grandfather, James, was a self-employed painter.

According to Rice, “Having raised ten children of her own, Grandma Ruby had developed great organizational and business skills...One time she en-

rolled in a grant program that paid her a stipend for providing nutritious meals for her grandchildren. That was pretty impressive to me – getting paid to do what [she was] already going to do anyway.”

Rice believes that the impact that her grandmothers had on her should be shared with her students.

“I thought about what foundational skills have guided me in navigating the business side of my arts life [and I wanted



Rice

to] provide my students with tools to help them be successful with the business aspect of their talent,” said the author.

When asked about her target audience, Rice commented: “A Half Truth Equals A Whole Lie is for creatives (people who create things for a living: musicians, visual artists, dancers, writers, actors, preachers, designers, entrepreneurs). It is needed because creatives tend to neglect the business side of things while focusing solely

on creating and performing. Ignoring the fact that one’s art makes him/her a business is detrimental to successful outcomes. So, this book aims to help close the gap between the creative life and sustaining that life.”

Rice was then asked if she thought that her book speaks to persons who are not considered creatives. She responded, “I related the book directly to creatives because I’m a creative, but without a doubt, grandma’s

wisdom works for everyone. The practical tips and words of wisdom in the book can be applied to any area of life.”

Persons who have read the author’s book made their claims.

Poet James Anyike asserted, “This book will bless your bones.”

“I just got this book in the mail yesterday, and I highly recommend it to anyone who treasures timeless wisdom from past generations as a source of encouragement for entrepreneurial endeavors,” was what Jackson native and business professor Dewaynna Horn said.

Jayne Olderman (songwriter/producer/videographer) summed the book up this way, “What makes A Half Truth Equals a Whole Lie so special is Dana’s voice and authentic, visceral storytelling. This is not just a how-to book, but a journey into a culture that is rich, profound and real – African American women in the South in the 1960s-80s. Their stories and sayings carry humor and sadness and colorful truths.”

Dana Rice’s book can be purchased at Amazon.com

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but because it is Jackson State University. JSU gave me all the necessary resources I needed to be on the right path with my career in media journalism.”

Fuller referred to her recent internship with *The Mississippi Link Newspaper*, where former editor Gail Brown, who received her Ph.D May 5 from the University of Southern Mississippi, worked as a consultant to “The Link’s” interns. Fuller said, it was such an honor to be able to write for a black-owned newspaper company. I learned so much from Dr. Brown and *The Mississippi Link* staff.”

Javone Williams graduated in media production under the mass communication and journalism umbrella. Currently, Javone, who is 27 years old is working at a local hotel and the Boys and Girls Club where he teaches a photography class. He said, “I feel so free having finally completed my bachelor’s. Being 27, I was in school longer than I expected, but I ultimately figured it out. First picking up a DSLR camera in 2017 molded my journey into photography and media production, which gave me the perfect reason to go to Jackson State.”

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nated.

They told NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr, NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards, and other members of the Black Press, that the Biden-Harris administration is not only meeting – but exceeding – expectations of making vaccines available to all communities.

“We see misinformation all of the time and folks ask questions that are rooted in disinformation,” declared Dr. Webb, the senior policy advisor for COVID-19 equity and a physician and professor at the University of Virginia.

“As it gets spread from person to person, from family to family, and friend to friend, it’s so important for the Black Press to tell the story of what is happening on the ground. Grandmothers can spend time with their grandchildren again. These vaccines are a key path to get back to normal life. Science bears out that these vaccines are safe. The real risk is COVID-19, the virus, not the vaccine.”

President Biden recently announced a goal of vaccinating at least 70 percent of the adult U.S. population by July 4.

With more than 105 million fully vaccinated to date, the goal is viewed by many as well within reach.

“Ultimately, we’re trying to get everyone vaccinated who are medically able to,” stated Dr. Nunez-Smith, the director of the White House’s COVID-19 Equity Task Force and associate professor of internal medicine, public health, and management at Yale University.

“What I stress is that this has to be a community-level goal, too,” she said. “It’s about getting everyone in our social network, our community, vaccinated.”

Dr. Webb pointed to each of the three vaccines – Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. He said each has proven safe.

“They work a little different, but each teaches your body how to recognize the threat of COVID-19,” Dr. Webb noted.

“[The vaccines] are not giving you the virus. It’s teaching your body how to recognize the bad guy – the virus. We have great data, and before they ever made it to market, over 75,000 people went through clinical trials and over 10 percent were black, and in one trial, over 20 percent were Latino. We have 105 million people vaccinated, and the data we have tells us that it is safe.”

Part of the vaccine hesitancy lies in the belief that vaccinations had become politicized, and many did not have confidence in the review process, Nunez-Smith remarked.

“Those processes are transparent, and we

A separate ceremony for the 2020 graduate and undergraduate classes was held Saturday evening at Veterans Memorial Stadium at 6 p.m. The keynote speaker was Jordon Jefferson, president of the

2020 JSU student body. Jefferson is currently pursuing a master’s degree at Harvard University, another HBCU.

JSU also had a ceremony for its’ 2021 graduate students and the 1971 Golden Diploma graduates. It was held Friday morning at 9 a.m. at the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center. The keynote speaker was Dr. Erick Green, superintendent of Jackson Public Schools.



Fuller

should have high confidence,” she demanded. “There is diverse representation in the trials and the scientists who were a part of the review process.”

Dr. Nunez-Smith also referred to the “rigorous” systems behind the surveillance of the vaccines.

“When we talk about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, one of the takeaways is that it strengthened my confidence in how the surveillance works,” she said.

“Almost 8 million doses were administered, but they found those six cases of blood clots, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention paused it to review the data and to figure out how to treat the blood clots and to let the people know what symptoms might present. No steps were skipped.”

As for the number of minorities receiving the vaccine, the task force members said the numbers are grossly misreported.

“We do have an idea how many Black people have received the vaccine,” Dr. Webb responded.

“The reporting shows that a little less than 9 percent where we know their ethnicity are black, 12 percent are Hispanic. However, there is a lot of missing data. For about 40 percent of the shots in the arms, we don’t know the ethnicity or race because it hasn’t always been required data. We have been working closely with states on that.”

Dr. Webb concluded:

“We also can look by zip codes and the concentration of communities of color. We know we still have work to do and ground to make up, but in terms of precise numbers, we still have missing data.”

NNPA’s chairwoman of the board, Karen Carter Richards, stated that she’s looking forward to working with the White House to continue providing accurate information about the vaccines to communities of color.

“The Black Press is the trusted voice of the black community,” the chair declared. “In fact, in many communities we are the mainstream press, and we will give our readers, our subscribers, what they’ve come to expect from the Black Press: honest and valuable information.”

Dr Chavis emphasized, “The NNPA wants to continue to work with Dr. Nunez-Smith, Dr. Webb, and The White House COVID-19 Response Team to ensure that Black America receives updated and vital information about this devastating pandemic. As the trusted voice of the black community, the Black Press stands ready to assist.”

Golden Class

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as he addressed them with the topic – The Dash. Reflecting on the meaning of the word “dash,” the speaker emphasized that those commencing into life would need to maintain focus while seizing moments as they rose.

Greene posed the question, “What are you dashing toward, and what will your dash represent?” He explained that the graduates’ lives might be different tomorrow as opposed to today. “Slow your pace and respect your name. You have to live your life with purpose [so] push yourself to walk in that purpose every day.” He continued that if this was done, then, there would be meaning in the dash.

Earlexia Norword, M.D., and President of the JSU National Alumni Association, stood proudly before those at the ceremony and inspired graduates to represent the university well. She noted prior to conducting the alumni pledge that 99% of graduates do not receive a Ph.D. Despite this waning statistic, the stakes are high for success.

Inspired in the moment, Shirley Collins earned her Master of Arts degree in sociology and noted that “after catching my breath, I plan to pursue a doctorate. I’m an adjunct professor in criminology at Jackson State. So what I’m doing is not about me. I pursued my masters to help make a change at Jackson State and to encourage students to be the best.”

Collins commented that COVID-19 produced many unforeseen stressors. Her forte is to encourage them to persevere in their goals. “I encounter so many students who come into my office in tears...I try to give them encouraging words. One of my students came to me at Commencement and said she couldn’t graduate without me. If you get your degree from JSU, you can make a lot of things happen and make a difference. But you have to want it,” she contended.

Sharing these graduates’ happiness were 1971 JSU graduates who returned to celebrate 50 years since they marched on the campus. These golden diploma graduates strutted determinedly in their gold caps and gowns. Not only did they strut, but they left JSU with a \$105,000 hefty donation for a scholarship dollar match for students.

Of the celebration, Senator Hillman Frazier, Golden Class member, uttered: “It was a happy occasion witnessing my classmates and seeing them in their various professions. I’m grateful to be here.

The senator stressed that when students attend JSU, they are preparing for the future. “Professors will prepare [them] for the next level or chapter in [their] lives.”

Regarding that preparation, Amanda Cavett who earned a Specialist in Psychometrist, stated: “My journey at JSU has been nothing but the best. This is my fourth degree from JSU. I could not have chosen another university because JSU I love. We are a family; we are seen as a person and not a number...and that speaks volumes.”

Cavett mentioned COVID-19. “That was a challenge. We had to network, and I was grateful that we made it. If you’re not able to adapt, then you can’t go forward.”

Collins summed it up when she charged: “Don’t let anything stop you from what you want to be. Keep going [and] never judge what you’re trying to do by someone else.”



Cavett



Collins

Nissan donates \$250,000 to Mississippi’s seven HBCUs

For sixth consecutive year, Nissan makes donation in support of STEM-focused programming at Mississippi Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Nissan is again making a donation to Mississippi’s seven Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programming at each school.

“Students pursuing STEM-related degrees have a broad range of career opportunities,” said Keri Kelly, director, Diversity & Inclusion, Nissan Americas. “Mississippi’s seven HBCUs are preparing the change makers of tomorrow to take on the STEM roles that will undoubtedly change lives for the better. Nissan is thrilled to lend support to further develop and strengthen these programs.”

With this contribution, Nissan has invested nearly \$1.5 million in Mississippi’s HBCUs since opening its Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant in 2003. The Canton plant produces the Nissan Altima, Frontier, TITAN and NV van.

The seven HBCUs receiving a dona-

tion from Nissan are Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College and Tougaloo College.

Nissan recognized each of these HBCUs during a virtual event where several current Nissan employees, who are themselves Mississippi HBCU alums, shared what their education has meant to their career growth at Nissan.

“Our business has undoubtedly prospered thanks to the efforts of the HBCU graduates who have come to work for us,” said Tim Fallon, vice president, Manufacturing, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant.

“HBCU graduates are well prepared for the challenges of engineering and manufacturing award-winning Nissan cars and trucks. We’re proud to support Mississippi’s HBCUs in their continued efforts to deliver quality STEM programming to students across our great state.”

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Gail Hargrove Marshall Brown Hooded By Dr. Dave Davies

Brown earned a Ph.D in mass communication with emphasis in public relations in December 2020 from University of Southern Mississippi. Live virtual graduation was held May 5.

The Adventures of Shakespeare on the Loose



Mississippi Link Newswire

New Stage’s Youth Acting Troupe Presents The Adventures of Shakespeare on the Loose

Performances will take place in the main auditorium at New Stage Theatre.

Masks will be required. Tickets are free with general admission seating and is first-come, first-served. Please contact mtillman@newstagetheatre.com if you would like to attend.

The May 15 at 2 p.m. cast of The Adventures of Shakespeare on the Loose: From JACKSON – Josiah Hite (McLaurin High School), Sarah Fowler (Murrah High School), and Anabel Morgan (Murrah High School); From BRANDON – Sarah McGaughy (Brandon High School), and Carson Feldman (Hartfield Academy); From MADISON – Emily Kay Kirk (Madison Middle School), Addy Huddleston (Germantown High School), Olivia Watters (Madison Ridgeland Academy), and Grace Coon (Madison Middle School); From CANTON – Lucy Harper (Germantown High School); From GEORGETOWN – Lee Day (Copiah County).

The May 15 at 6 p.m. cast of The Adventures of Shakespeare on the Loose: From JACKSON – Mattie Ellis (St. Andrews), Hart Jefferson (Murrah High School), Darby Frost (homeschool), and Kendra Quarterman (Bailey APAC); From RIDGELAND – Jack Rosamond (Jackson Academy), and Cate Purvis (St. Andrews); From MADISON – Cecily Rolfe (Madison Central High School); From BRANDON – Kalen Wallace (NW Rankin High School); From NEWTON – Marshall Robertson (Leake Academy); From SILVER CREEK



– Robert Hart (Rod Paige Middle School).

The May 16 at 2 p.m. cast of The Adventures of Shakespeare on the Loose: From JACKSON – Avery Stallings (St. Andrews), Brian Stallings (St. Andrews), Connor Stallings (St. Andrews), Abby Sivak (Murrah High School), Paisley Owens (Murrah High School) and Darby Frost

(homeschool). From PEARL – Genevieve Kelly (Pearl High School). From BRANDON – Hannah Smith-Phillips (NW Rankin High School) and Naomi Willis (NW Rankin Middle School); From MADISON – Chloe Vizier (Germantown High School) and Isabella Ragazzi (Madison Central High School).

Alcorn extension specialist receives grant to advance technology in rural communities

By Renita Lacy
Staff Writer, Alcorn State University

Manola Erby, 1890 4-H program leader and youth specialist for the Alcorn State University Extension Program, has been selected to receive a \$91,500 grant from the National 4-H Council and Microsoft.

The name of the grant is entitled the “4-H Tech Changemakers Program,” which strives to put 4-H youth and teenagers at the forefront of creating change in their communities by empowering them to serve as digital ambassadors and equipping them with the tools, resources, and technical partners to be successful.

“It is so important to provide leadership opportunities for our youth,” said Erby. “This innovative program will enable us to expand our 4-H services throughout the various communities that we serve, as well as empower youth to teach digital skills to adults, thereby closing the digital gap and driving economic opportunity within their communities,” she continued.

The grant was awarded as part of an initiative by the National 4-H Council and Microsoft to close the connectivity gap in rural areas by empowering teens to bring digital skills and technology access to their



Erby

communities.

It addresses the divide between young people and senior citizens by providing education on common technological devices, assisting with one-on-one support and helping with online and technology-driven activities.

According to Erby, outcomes of the program are expected to empower commu-

nity members to adopt and use technology to improve their experiences with broadband Internet; increase visibility of the partnership and mission of 4-H Tech Changemakers by engaging with lawmakers, media, and other stakeholders; and infuse positive youth development approaches in relation to citizenship and technological skills.

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Or perhaps “Pomp and Circumstance”
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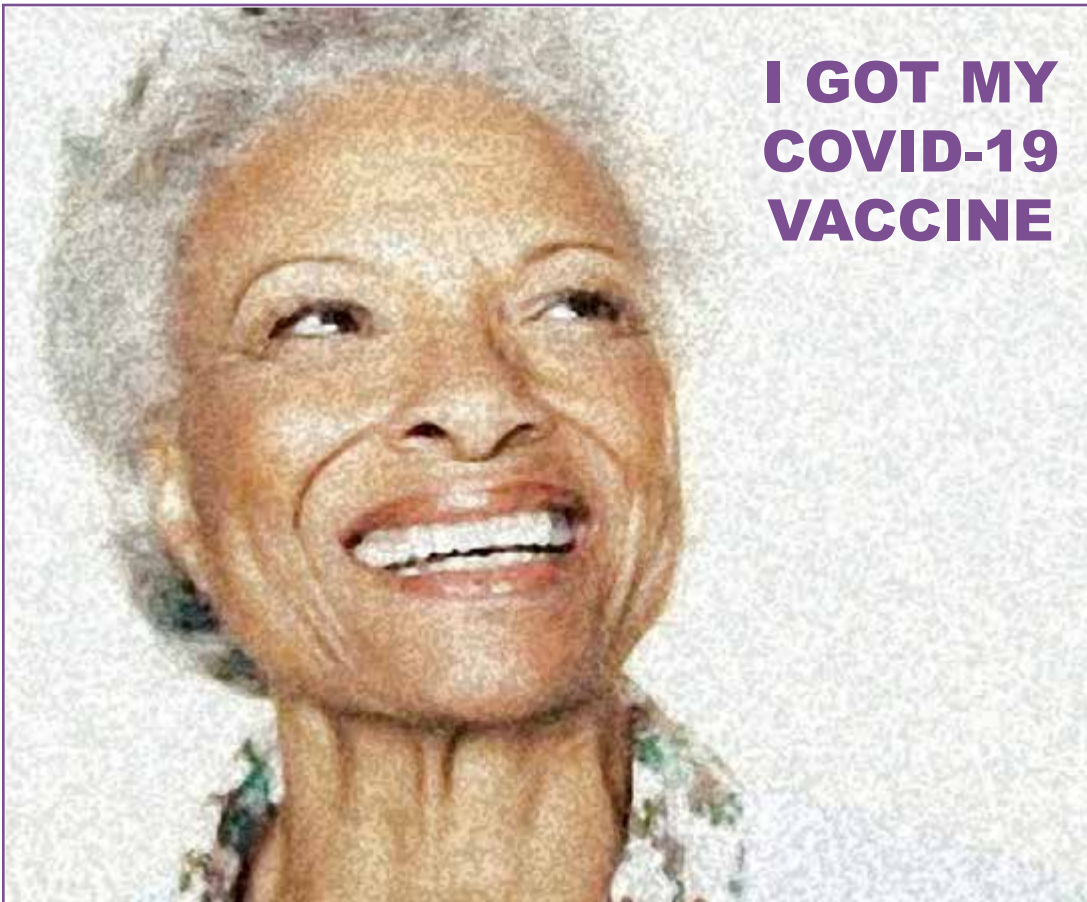
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Remember you’re made in His image,
And His plans for you are more....

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Greater Belhaven Foundation announces next step in CID process

Special to the Mississippi Link

The Greater Belhaven Foundation (GBF) is excited to announce that the owners of more than 60% of the taxable parcels in Greater Belhaven have signed the petition requesting the creation of a Community Improvement District (CID). GBF submitted the petition to the City Clerk's office May 6, 2021. Once signatures are verified and the city has accepted the petition, GBF will submit an initial strategic plan for the first year of the CID. After this, the city will set a date for a special election at which registered voters in Greater Belhaven may vote on the proposal to create the CID.

Proceeds from the CID funds will total around \$200,000 annually. They can be used for a variety of projects including landscaping, parks, infrastructure, security enhancement, and even as matching funds for grants for larger-scale projects.

"We are excited about the potential for CID funds to make Belhaven an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family," said Margaret Oertling Cupples, CID Committee chair. "We encourage everyone to get out and vote in favor of the CID later this year."

Greater Belhaven, consisting of the Belhaven and Belhaven Heights neighborhoods, is comprised of over 1700 single family and multifamily homes as



GBF CID Submission (from L-R): Jennifer Welch (GBF board member), Amanda McGuffey (GBF office administrator), Margaret Oertling Cupples (GBF CID chair), Virgi Lindsay (Ward 7 councilwoman), Angela Harris (city clerk), Casey Creasey (GBF executive director), Steven O'Neill (GBF board member), Susan Shands Jones (GBF board member).

well as numerous businesses.

GBF began collecting signatures for the CID in October 2019. Despite the global pandemic, property owners realized the benefit of a CID for the historic neighborhood and have helped to surpass the 60% signature requirement.

Community Improvement Districts enhance urban and suburban areas by improving safety, reducing blight and increasing property values and job opportunities at local businesses.

"I am so excited to have completed this part of the process and am so thank-

ful for the neighborhood support," said Casey Creasey, executive director of GBF. "The CID will be such a benefit to our community allowing enhancements for our three neighborhood parks, sidewalk improvements and other features. Funds can also be used for security,

lighting, minor infrastructure repair, long-range planning, and so much more. We would love to hear from Greater Belhaven residents and property owners with your ideas for improvements."

Legislation requires that a CID plan and funds be managed by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, like GBF. The funds, a maximum of \$6 per every \$1000 of assessed value of a parcel, will be collected with property taxes yearly by the City of Jackson and disbursed to GBF. CID proceeds must be maintained separately from other GBF funds, with strict accounting, audit and public disclosure guidelines.

GBF, a non-profit neighborhood foundation established in 1999, works to improve and revitalize Belhaven and Belhaven Heights through long-range planning, economic restructuring, historic preservation, green space enhancement, and improvement of Fortification Street, the major east-west corridor between the two neighborhoods.

To learn more about Greater Belhaven and the CID process, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/greaterbelhavenfoundation, follow us on Instagram at www.instagram.com/greaterbelhaven and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/greaterbelhaven, visit us at www.greaterbelhaven.com or call 601-352-8850.

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Obama Magnet receives Region II Science Fair School Award

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Barack Obama Magnet was recently presented a special school award by organizers of the 2021 Jackson State University MSEF Region II Science Fair. This year's regional science fair was virtual, requiring students to submit a video, photographs of their display board, research report and other supporting documentation online.

Students representing Obama Magnet in this year's regional competition included:

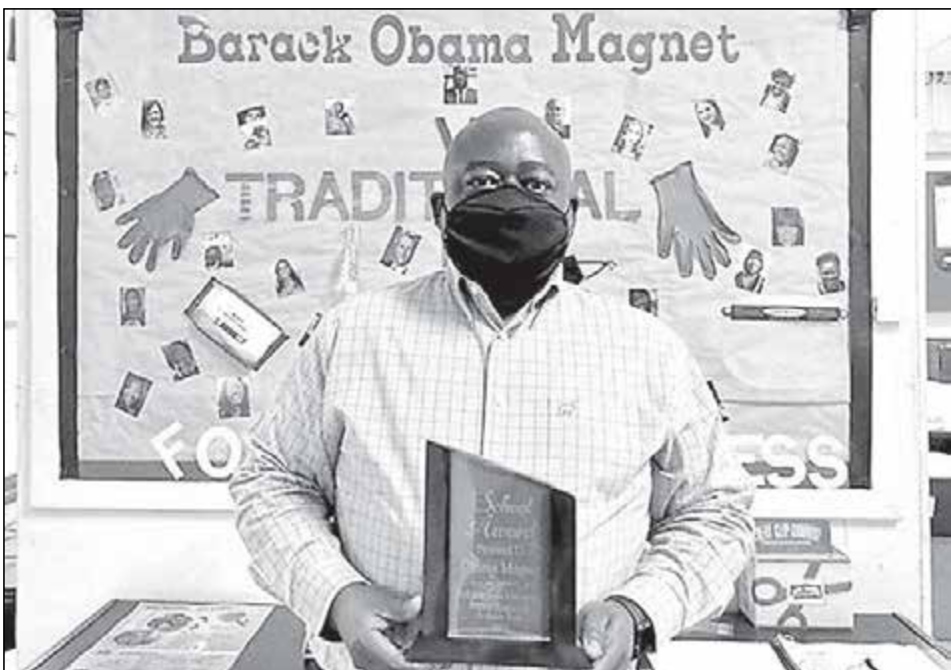
- Computer Science and Math: Madison Spurlock, 1st grade
- Botany: Nya McInnis, 5th grade
- Inorganic Chemistry: Kylee Sandifer, 2nd grade
- Organic Chemistry: Nadia Davis, 5th grade
- Animal Sciences: Raelynn Austin, 5th grade
- Medicine and Health: Zuri Jackson, 2nd grade
- Earth and Environmental Science: Colin Palmer, 1st grade
- Physics: Jeremy Singleton, 5th grade

Obama Magnet was the only elementary school in the region to participate in the event this year. For their hard work and dedication, students received a special medal, along with a certificate, T-shirt and other prizes. A special School Award was presented to Obama Magnet for its continued effort to support the Region II Science Fair, even during the pandemic.

"We are proud of our students, families, faculty and staff for having the determination and persistence to not only coordinate a successful virtual science fair at the school level but also take our first-place finishers to regional," said John Johnson, Ed.S., principal of Obama Magnet.



Eight scholars represented Barack Obama Magnet in the 2021 Jackson State University MSEF Region II Science Fair. The school was recognized with the School Award for outstanding support of the fair.



Barack Obama Principal John Johnson displays Science Fair School Award.

JPS to host VTO Sports Regional Football Combine

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Jackson Public Schools has been selected to host the VTO Sports Regional Football Combine. The VTO Sports Regional Combine Series provides an event that evaluates and conducts education programs covering the recruiting process and the core group of tests that are used for evaluation on a national scale. The instruction of the core test includes the 40-yard dash, pro-agility, bench press and vertical jump. After the testing, VTO will run a mini football camp.

VTO Sports events are designed to give current high school athletes the opportunity to showcase their football skills. Participants will compete against the best athletes in their region. Top performers from VTO Sports Combine earn an invitation to the VTO Sports All-American Challenge. It is a high-profile two-day competition and major exposure event for the best athletes from around the country.

The JPS VTO Regional Football Combine will take place from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Forest Hill High School located at 2607 Raymond Road in Jackson, MS.



JPS Athletics will host the VTO Sports Regional Football Combine June 5 at Forest Hill.

Dr. Jermiah Billa honored for advancing diversity and inclusion at ASU



Billa

By Renita Lacy
Staff Writer, Alcorn State University

Dr. Jermiah Billa, assistant professor and chairperson for the Department of Advanced Technologies, has been awarded the Inclusion and Diversity Award by the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

A member of the Alcorn family since 2010, Billa is an experiential radiation physicist with experience and research interests in environmental radiation monitoring, radiation dosimetry and nuclear instrumentation.

"I was extremely surprised, humbled, and thrilled to receive the 2021 Inclusion and Diversity Award," said Billa. "Winning this means that my responsibilities toward the enhancement of diversity in my professional careers have expanded," he stated.

According to Billa, diversity is not just a word, it's a life-

style. He indicates that working in a distinctive field like health physics has further encouraged him to continue to broaden his horizons in regards to diversity and inclusion.

"Normally, people think that diversity is limited to issues with race, ethnicity and gender groups," explained Billa. "But in addition to that, diversity also embraces age, origin, skill sets and experience, among other factors."

It is his belief that employing these factors will lead to quality, innovation, excellence and newfound discoveries in nearly any academic or research-related field of study.

The Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) consist of eight public universities including Alcorn. It is governed by a board of trustees with the mission to enhance the quality of life of Mississippians by effectively meeting their diverse educational needs.

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Cigar smoke

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

I have been asking myself why do people always want to smoke a cigar when they have a happy moment. Women lite up when they have a girl’s night out. Even the women that don’t smoke, smoked a cigar. Men want to lite up when they go to a gentleman’s club. I was at a wedding when all of the males got up after dinner the night before the wedding to go smoke a cigar. I was not invited. That was a good thing. I would not have gone with them anyway.

Cigars are just as dangerous as cigarettes. Even if you only do it on special occasions you are still playing Russian Roulette with your health.

The CDC defines a cigar as a roll of tobacco wrapped in leaf tobacco or in a substance that contains tobacco. Cigarettes are defined as a roll of tobacco wrapped in paper or in a substance that does not contain tobacco.

The three major types of cigars sold in the United States are large cigars, cigarillos and little cigars.

Cigar smoking in the United States had been a behavior of older men, but the industry’s increased marketing of these products to targeted groups in the 1990s increased the use among all age groups.

A large cigar usually contains at least one-half ounce of aged, fermented tobacco and usually takes 1 to 2 hours to smoke. This product makes up about 85% of the market.

Cigarillos are about 3-4 inches and narrow cigars that typically contain 3 grams of tobacco and usually don’t have a filter. This product makes up about 10% of the market.

A small cigar is about the same size of a cigarette and includes a filter. This product makes up about 5% of the market. 8.0% of the African American popula-



tion smokes cigars.

Smoking any tobacco product releases nicotine and over 1200 other toxic compounds into the bloodstream. Once these substances damage the lining of the arterial walls cholesterol and triglycerides can easily build up slowing blood flow. Smoking tobacco products also contributes to the formation of blood clots and reduces the HDLs (good cholesterol) and increases blood pressure and heart rate.

The carbon monoxide from cigar smoke combines with the

hemoglobin in the blood much faster than oxygen. This decreases the capacity for oxygen transport in the blood. Oxygen in the blood transports nutrients to the cells and energy needed for the cells to do the work of maintenance and repair. These factors cause the cardio respiratory system to work less efficiently. Over time this continuous abuse causes the system to deteriorate which leads to disease.

Cigars or any tobacco product is perhaps the only legal product

whose advertised and intended use will harm the body, cause cancer and kill the user and all those around them. Any amount of smoke is dangerous.

This year more than 500,000 Americans will die of cancer. 180,000 of these cancer deaths will be caused by the use of tobacco. Exposure to secondhand and third hand smoke also called environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) or passive smoke annually, causes an estimated 60,000 deaths among nonsmoking American adults. Of those

deaths, 4,000 are from lung cancer and 45,000 deaths from cardiovascular disease. Each year second hand smoke is responsible for 30,000 new asthma cases, up to one million cases of aggravated asthma, up to 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia in toddlers. 15,000 of these toddlers will require hospitalization.

ETS occurs when nonsmokers breathe in other people’s tobacco smoke. This includes direct smoke, smoke that is drawn through a cigarette mouthpiece, pipe, or cigar and then exhaled into the air by smokers and the smoke that comes directly from burning tobacco.

ETS contains the same harmful chemicals as the smoke that smokers inhale. Direct smoke is even more dangerous because it is formed at lower temperatures and gives off even larger amounts of some cancer-causing substances.

ETS also affects nonsmokers by causing eye irritation, headaches, nausea and dizziness.

Children of parents who smoke are more likely to suffer from pneumonia, bronchitis, ear infections, coughing, wheezing, increased mucus production and asthma. Several studies have also shown a link between smoking parents and SIDS. Children of smoking parents have a greater chance of dying of SIDS.

Can you develop cancer from smelling smoke odors on clothing or being in a room where people have been smoking? There is no medical research about the cancer causing effects of tobacco odors, but the medical research shows that the particles that make up secondhand tobacco smoke can attach itself to the hair, clothing and other surfaces. Any amount of smoke is dangerous and will cause health problems.

Almost half (46.8%) of black nonsmokers in the United States

are exposed to smoke or smoke residuals. Tobacco smoke exposure is higher among people with low incomes. 2 out of every 5 (43.2%) nonsmokers who lived below the poverty level were exposed to smoke residuals. This means if you are black and below the poverty line you are almost assured you will be exposed to “Third Hand” smoke.

If you smoke quit. An easy plan to follow to help quit tobacco products is the “6 D’s” plan recommended by smokers, cancer experts and me:

1. Deep breathing#
Take a deep breath, in through your nose.

Hold the breath for a count of 4.

Then breathe out slowly, through your mouth

Repeat these steps 4 or 5 times, or until you feel calm.

To make sure you are breathing deeply, place your hands on your stomach. You should feel your stomach rise as you breathe in.

2. Drink water

Try to drink 8 glasses a day.

3. Do something else

Play basketball. Chew some gum. Listen to your favorite music. Work a crossword puzzle. Look at a magazine. Read the Bible. Keeping busy with other things will keep your mind off smoking.

4. Discuss with a friend or family member

Talking about things can help you to feel better.

5. Delay

Don’t reach for that cigarette right away. Count to 100 or 200. Think pleasant thoughts. Remember, the urge to smoke will pass in 3 to 5 minutes, whether you smoke or not.

6. Don’t get trapped into smoking.

Don’t let peer pressure make you feel you need to go along with the group. You would not shoot yourself in the head every time you are having a good time.

May marks Mental Health Awareness Month

Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) encourages Mississippians to think again about personal mental health in light of pandemic

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This past year presented so many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency. The COVID-19 pandemic forced us as Mississippians to cope with situations we never even imagined, and a lot of us struggled with our mental health as a result. In the face of an unparalleled situation that affected communities all around our country and the entire world, our work lives changed, our personal lives changed, and we all had to learn how to handle those changes.

We began to hear more of an emphasis about how important it was for us to focus on our mental health. When so many of us, and our neighbors and

friends, experienced job loss or their homes also became their offices, and many became both the educator and parent for their children, we had to learn how to make time for ourselves. Our mental health, and how we maintained it, was suddenly a part of so many conversations that it probably wouldn’t have been in before, and words such as quarantine, isolation, and social distancing became part of our everyday lingo.

Now, more than ever, we need to change our perceptions surrounding our mental health because common misconceptions often prevent people from seeking help they need. Our mental health is just one part of our overall health and

wellness. That’s why during Mental Health Month, the Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) encourages Mississippians to think again when it comes to their personal mental health.

The focus on our mental health should not apply just to adults – our children are not immune to mental health problems. Anxiety and depression are among the most diagnosed mental disorders in children, and almost 75 percent of children diagnosed with depression also have anxiety.

Mental health is something everyone should care about, especially knowing that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the mental health of Mississippians of

all ages. We know that the past year forced many to accept tough situations that they had little to no control over.

If you found that the past year impacted your mental health, you are not alone. In fact, phone calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline from Mississippians increased by 40 percent in 2020. However, there are services and resources available that can support the well-being of individuals and our communities.

Know that working on your mental health and finding tools that help you thrive takes time. Change will not happen overnight. Instead, by focusing on small changes, you can move through the stressors of the past year and develop long-

term strategies to support yourself on an ongoing basis.

A great starting point for anyone who is ready to start prioritizing their mental health is to access the Mental Health Month and Think Again campaign information and resources we are sharing through our social media outlets and on our website, www.dmh.ms.gov, throughout May. These tools are designed to help everyone improve their mental health and increase their resiliency.

Ultimately, during the month of May, the Mississippi Department of Mental Health wants to remind everyone that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is possible. By developing your own tools to thrive, it is possible to find balance

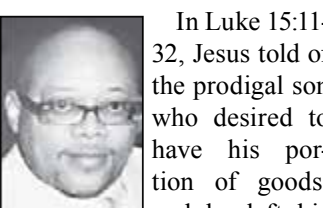
between life’s ups and downs and continue to cope with the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

The past year has been difficult. Things are getting better, but we don’t know when they will be back to what we would have called normal at the beginning of 2020. It’s more important than ever to focus on our health. Let’s remember that our health includes our mental health, get help when we need it, and most importantly, encourage others to do the same.

If you are seeking information on services, call the DMH Helpline at 1-877-210-8513 or visit www.mentalhealthms.com. Staff are available to provide help around the clock.

The little foxes spoil the vines

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus told of the prodigal son who desired to have his portion of goods, and he left his father's house. Every Bible student knows that father's house represents the Church. An evil disease got hold of the younger son and plagued him. Friend, sin will plague us. Song of Solomon 2:15 states, "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Often the little evils get hold of people and begin to hinder their souls and take them away from the Father's house. Had the prodigal

son returned the first night, he would not have lost so much. "I know what it is to be in a backslidden condition. I have tried both sides of life. When I walked away from God, I told myself that I would not forget the Scriptures that I knew, but the further I roamed, the less I remembered about God." Friend, if we turn from God, we will lose what we had with God. We will lose it all. The evil disease will take us down and leave our souls empty. The prodigal son spent all he had, and there arose a famine in the land, so he went down into another country. No one knew him there. That is the way sin treats us. We will be among strangers out in the world. They may show

us the highlights of the world, but the evil disease of sin will leave our souls empty and dissatisfied. The prodigal son joined himself to a stranger, and then he still was not satisfied. One day he remembered that at his father's house even the servants had plenty to eat. In essence, he said to his soul, "I'll arise and go home to my father." Jesus said in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." The prodigal son had a burning desire to go back home, and he returned. When his father saw him coming, he ran to meet him

and told the servants to bring the best robe and put a ring on his hand. They put shoes on his feet and welcomed him back to his father's house. In so many words, the father said, "This my son. He was lost, but now he is found. He was dead, but now he is alive." Thank God, the best place for the soul is at the Father's house. Dear ones, if you are away from God, sin is working on you. Won't you come to him? He wants to help you and bless you. Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

There's an app for that

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A few years ago, I had a conversation with a friend about how someone she knew bragged about using an app instead of going to church. Since my friend was an active churchgoer, she could not understand how you could get the same sense of spiritual intimacy with God by using a smartphone. She explained how she could see how using digital and live streaming services could provide a way for those who could not get to church because of work, illness or another reason to enjoy the worship experience. Fast forward to where we are now and using social media as part of worship has become the norm. In many ways, I agreed with my friend about how hard it is to duplicate the powerful transformation that takes place during a church service with a smartphone app. But like so many others, I use my smartphone for many things, including daily devotionals for encouragement, and see the benefits of churches using social media as part of their outreach. I agree with my friend that reading a daily inspirational word from a smartphone app is not the same as being in church. However, the last year of worshipping online has made me realize that connection with God is not limited to a building; God's presence can find us anywhere if we are open to receiving it. After our conversation, I continued to think about how God has already given us an app that we can use whether or not we have a smartphone. God's app is the Appointed Purposeful Prayer

(APP). A smartphone must have enough memory (space), and often wireless internet and data to access an app. Likewise, we must be empty enough of our stuff (emotional and spiritual baggage) as well as open enough to talk to and receive from God. I've been through seasons in my life where because of my baggage, I didn't want to pray to God and even if I had prayed, the prayer would not have been answered because of the wrong motivations. James 4:2-3 warns us about asking for things with the wrong intentions. But letting go of my baggage and submitting myself to hear His will changed my life because I was then able to use God's app. A search for the word prayer in the Bible shows that there are over 150 references for the word prayer and over 360 for the word pray. Out of these references, there are details of the various types of prayer like the prayer of thanksgiving (Colossians 1:3), the prayer of repentance (Psalm 51), and of course, the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). God's app is appointed because it is prayed at the right time and in the right season of your life, purposeful because it focuses on God-ordained tasks and prayer is the most effective method of communication with God. Using God's app doesn't guarantee that you will always get the things that you want when you want them. But like any app, it will keep you connected... when you need it the most. Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

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A transformational president

By Rep. James E. Clyburn
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So far, in my estimation, Joe Biden is keeping his promises and succeeding in getting the country back on track in our “pursuit of a more perfect union.”

President Biden has completed the first 100-days milestone that has been used since Franklin Roosevelt to assess new presidents’ progress towards keeping their campaign promises and their prospects for having a successful presidency.

It was much more than a political assessment when I declared 15 months ago that “we know Joe, and most importantly, Joe knows us.” Joe Biden is succeeding because he understands the needs and aspirations of the American people. His bold and inclusive initiatives are restoring the faith of those who have been hardest hit by the current health and economic crises and raising the hopes of those who had already been hard hit by injustices in our society long before these crises struck.

After a plethora of Executive Orders on his first day in office, President Biden’s first legislative success was the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ARP enjoys 77% support among all voters, including 59% of Repub-

lican voters. It has put America on a path of fully reopening safely. It has helped make hundreds of millions of vaccines available, and it has stabilized millions of American families. It has kept many small businesses from closing, and, when fully implemented, will lift more than half of the nation’s poverty-laden children out of poverty.

The administration’s top priority for the next 100 days is passing the comprehensive American Jobs Plan (AJP). The AJP will create good-paying jobs by investing in our long-neglected infrastructure. President Biden recognizes that infrastructure now includes the information highway, and his proposal will bring affordable, high-speed internet to every home. His plan also includes investments in green energy technology and other research innovations that will help America build a forward-looking economy that will provide sustainable economic growth.

President Biden is also proposing to invest in our country’s human infrastructure through another transformative initiative supporting the bedrock of our nation’s foundation – families.

His American Families Plan (AFP) will stabilize and uplift families by extending the child tax credit enhancement, supporting childcare workers and families who pay for childcare, providing universal pre-K,

making two years of community college free, and expanding access to quality, affordable health care.

These proposals will reduce systemic barriers that have prevented low-income and many communities of color from fully enjoying the greatness of our great nation.

The American people overwhelmingly support the president’s agenda. One recent poll found 68% of Americans support the AJP, and 64% are in favor of the AFP. These numbers far exceed the margin of Biden’s election victory. These numbers refute critics who claim President Biden’s agenda is too progressive and has no support among Republicans.

It is wrongheaded to view bipartisanship through the lens of 212 Republican house members and 50 Republican senators. I hope Republican members will listen more closely to the American people, Democrats and Republicans. But if they fail to do so, Democrats will unilaterally act to serve and protect Americans irrespective of political persuasions.

Following President Biden’s first speech to a joint session of Congress, we all heard the partisan Republican opposition to his agenda led by Senator Tim Scott from my home state of South Carolina. Unable to debate the merits of President Biden’s proposals, Senator Scott instead fo-

cused on the price tag and racial issues. He and his partisans never questioned the cost of the \$1.9 trillion tax cut for the wealthiest Americans and corporations under the previous president. Their tax cut for the wealthy increased the national debt and exploded the deficit. It is becoming clear to the American people that their fiscal restraint is more about who is benefiting from government spending than the amount of money being spent.

President Biden fully pays for both the American Jobs and Families Plans. He is asking wealthy Americans and corporations to pay their fair share. President Biden, and all of us, applaud their successes made possible by America’s greatness. But it is time for that greatness to be accessible and affordable for all.

Joe Biden has already demonstrated that he intends to keep the promises he made during the campaign. He is relating to people in a personal way and is proposing policies that will directly address the needs of individuals, their families, and their communities.

He is not putting a price tag on the American dream. He is making investments to help all Americans realize their dreams. I believe this approach is truly transformational in its potential for dramatic progress toward liberty and justice for all.

Living within a lie

By Oscar H. Blayton
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Even a person who does not believe a lie may be forced to live within it.

For generations, people of color, while not believing in white supremacy, have been forced to live as if it was real. And we are still forced to live that way today.

But the one glimmer of hope shining through the toxic cloud of racist lies enveloping the world for more than five hundred years is truth. And critical race theory is one means of delivering the truth.

White supremacists are now attacking critical race theory, however, in an attempt to destroy it. By destroying critical race theory, they hope to destroy the truth and force all of us to continue to live within a lie.

The truth that the color of one’s skin does not determine a person’s God-given abilities has always been evident to people of color. But within a global social structure designed to advantage white people over everyone else, that truth has been denied and hidden from view.

The orthodoxy of white supremacy, reinforced by a willingness to employ gunpowder in a pan-global rampage, allowed white supremacists to amass most of the material resources of the earth, along with the means to exploit them solely for their own benefit.

What school-aged child has not seen graphic renderings of Europeans, cast in a heroic light, gunning down indigenous people of North America, South America, Africa and Asia? This oppression and annihilation of people of color have been characterized by British author Rudyard Kipling as “the white man’s burden” to bring civilization to the rest of the world.

Poisonous race hatred spawned by white supremacy has flowed through Western society like filth in an open sewer. Yet there are those who take offense at the assertion that America is a racist country. While there are innumerable instances that evidence this fact, one very clear, recent example stands out for me.

When the feature film “The Hunger Games” was released in 2012 based on a series of young adult fiction, many white fans were enraged by the fact that one of the main characters, Rue, was portrayed by Amandla Stenberg, a mixed-race actress with an African American mother and a Danish father. The plot of the film revolves around 12 children who are forced to fight to the death in a futuristic, dystopian America. The shock and anger of many moviegoers boiled over even though the author, Suzanne Collins, described Rue in the book as having “dark skin.”

A blizzard of offensive, racist posts filled with the n-word and other derogatory terms flooded social media because a little black girl had invaded their imagined white space of innocence and bravery. But a particularly telling post was a tweet by someone with the handle “KK” who wrote: “Call me racist but when I found out rue [sic] was black her death wasn’t as sad #ihatemyself.”

There can be no more clear affirmation that some people cannot even imagine that black

lives matter.

This race hatred began in America when European invaders, arriving with Christopher Columbus, annihilated as many as 3 million indigenous inhabitants in the Bahama Islands and continued with the slaughter of indigenous people in the early days of every state in this nation. This genocide of Indigenous Americans, combined with the importation of enslaved Africans as unpaid labor, created wealth for the European invaders founded upon stolen land and stolen labor.

The continued encroachment on Indian land and exploitation of people of color through immorally low wages continue to underpin this disproportionate accumulation of wealth by white Americans.

Current policy decisions by lawmakers and corporate leaders such as refusing to legislate a livable minimum wage, redlining, discriminatory hiring practices, gerrymandering, and on and on, also continue to obstruct wealth accumulation by people of color.

The facts are clear, written in the blood-soaked soil and the countless unmarked graves of people of color who were murdered, massacred and worked to death so that certain white people could accumulate wealth and live as they pleased.

This includes mistreatment of the Chinese, who were barred entry into this country after they helped build its railroads, and Japanese Americans who were herded into concentration camps during World War II without due process of law, while German Americans largely were allowed to go about their lives untroubled.

Approximately 1.2 million individuals born in Germany resided in the United States in 1940. Another 5 million had both parents born in Germany and 6 million had at least one parent born in Germany. Of these people, approximately 11,000 were detained during World War II and most of those were German nationals.

During this time, almost every Japanese American was placed in concentration camps. Approximately 127,000 Japanese Americans lived in the continental United States in 1940 and it has been reported that more than 120,000 were interned in concentration camps despite reports from the FBI and the Office of Naval Intelligence stating that the vast majority of Americans of Japanese ancestry were loyal to the United States.

Nevertheless, it was ordered that any person with “one drop of Japanese blood” – regardless of age – was to be interned. This resulted in infants and children living in orphanages and hospital patients with any Japanese ancestry being interned. Many of those hospital patients died as a result of being separated from their health care.

Despite many white supremacists wanting to avert everyone’s eyes from the truth, America’s racism has followed a long and winding path, leaving a history too lengthy to recount here. But critical race theory is an effort to place the facts before the world so that people, armed with the truth, can make meaningful change and not be forced to live within a lie.

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Greater justice is coming: New DOJ leadership taking on abusive and deadly policing

By Ben Jealous
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Thanks to the voters who elected President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, we now have a Department of Justice that actually cares about justice. And I am not just talking about justice as an idea. I am talking about a Department of Justice that is willing to take on abusive policing and law enforcement agencies that are corrupted by racism.

In his first month on the job, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland reversed a Trump-era policy that made it harder for the Justice Department to investigate police departments and hold them accountable for violating people’s civil rights.

And he was just getting started. In the past few weeks, the Justice Department has announced that it is starting an investigation of the police departments in Minneapolis – where George Floyd was murdered by former officer Derek Chauvin while other officers watched. The Minnesota AFL-CIO has called the city’s police union a white supremacist-led organization.

The Justice Department has also launched an investigation of policing practices in Louis-

ville, where Breonna Taylor was shot to death in her own home.

These investigations will look at more than those individual killings. This kind of “patterns and practices” investigation looks at the big picture to determine whether and how a law enforcement agency is violating people’s civil rights. They are a way to evaluate – and do something about – the impact that systemic racism has in a police department and the communities it is supposed to serve.

“Patterns and practices” investigations can lead to consent decrees – agreements that require police departments to change the way they operate, with oversight from the Justice Department to make sure change actually happens.

In the past, Justice Department investigations and consent decrees have been important tools for getting violent police behavior under control and changing abusive cultures in out-of-control departments.

When the Trump administration shut down this kind of investigation, it sent a signal to police departments that the Justice Department would look the other way rather than hold them responsible for misconduct. Of course, Trump himself repeatedly made it clear that he was not opposed to violent policing. In fact, he encouraged it.

President Biden has spoken personally about the importance of ending police violence and reimagining public safety. He has called on Congress to pass the imperfect but important George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

Another good sign was the announcement that the FBI is doing a civil rights investigation of the killing of Andrew Brown Jr., who was shot in the back of the head by police in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

All of these are important steps in protecting Americans, especially black Americans, from abusive policing.

President Biden has also spoken out against Republicans’ racist efforts to pass new voting restrictions in states all over the country. Biden has called those efforts “sick” and we can count on his Justice Department to do what they can to challenge voter suppression – even though right-wing justices on the U.S. Supreme Court have greatly weakened the tools that the Voting Rights Act gave the department to prevent black voters from having their rights denied.

The Justice Department’s Civil Rights Division has just written the Arizona Senate president to raise concerns that a bogus “audit” of ballots from last year’s presidential election that is being conducted by private contractors from the so-called

“Stop the Steal” movement could be violating the Voting Rights Act.

There are more signs that we can expect changes at the Justice Department. Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta, who was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate, started her career as a civil rights attorney by winning freedom for dozens of mostly black people wrongly jailed in a small Texas town. And the Senate should soon confirm Kristen Clarke to head the civil rights division, where she started her legal career investigating police conduct, hate crimes and human trafficking.

Together with President Biden and Attorney General Garland, Gupta and Clarke will save lives, defend civil rights and give millions of Americans hope that greater justice is coming.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.



LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING TQL HOLDINGS, LLC AND THE QUARTER LAKELAND, LLC A REZONING OF THE ANCILLARY AND ADJACENT PARCELS FROM C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR CONSISTENT ZONING FOR THE ENTIRE DEVELOPMENT ("THE QUARTER") FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1830 (PARCEL 590-22-13) & 0 CRANE RIDGE DRIVE (PARCELS 590-22-4, 590-105 & 590-22-15), CASE NO. 4115.

WHEREAS, TQL Holdings, LLC and The Quarter Lakeland, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the ancillary and adjacent parcels for property located at 1830 (Parcel 590-22-13) & 0 Crane Ridge Drive (Parcels 590-22-4, 590-105 & 590-22-15), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from C2 (Limited) Commercial District to C3 (General) Commercial District to provide for consistent zoning for the entire development ("The Quarter"); and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property from C2 (Limited) Commercial District to C3 (General) Commercial District to provide for consistent zoning for the entire development ("The Quarter"); and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2021 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on February 4, 2021 and February 18, 2021 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on February 24, 2021, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended the rezoning of the above described property to C3 (General) Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with said application since any previous Jackson City Council action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

That certain parcel of land, together with the buildings and improvements thereon standing, situated in the First Judicial District, County of Hinds, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 1:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HINDS, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SECTION 30, T6N-R2E, CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED OF TRUST, EXECUTED BY LORBRIDGE, INC., AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1979 AT PAGE 91, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING 600 FEET SOUTH AND 800 FEET EAST OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFORESAID GOVERNMENT LOT 4: RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 239.73 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE (AS NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED); RUN THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 154.89 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE; LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 15 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.84 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.46 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA; LEAVING SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST LONG SAID SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 84.69 FEET TO A POINT; LEAVING SAID SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST EDGE OF SAID CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.51 FEET TO A POINT; LEAVING SAID EAST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH EDGE OF SAID CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.59 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF LOT 5, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 AT PAGE 2; LEAVING SAID NORTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 5, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.11 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 5, LOT 4 AND LOT 3 OF SAID CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS FOR A DISTANCE OF 128.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING 1/2 IRON PIN; LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 3, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 96.41 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE WEST EDGE OF THE AFORESAID CONCRETE PARKING AREA; RUN THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 58.32 FEET TO A POINT; LEAVING SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.74 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST EDGE OF SAID CONCRETE DRIVE; LEAVING SAID SOUTH EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA, RUN THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.26 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID WEST EDGE OF A CONCRETE PARKING AREA FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.61 FEET TO A POINT ON THE AFORESAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE ARC OF A 14.0086 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE LEFT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 11 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 03 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 409.00 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 83.52 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON PIN; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 74 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 83.38 FEET; LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 57.79 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY 200 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 910 AT PAGE 597, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY EASEMENT FOR A DISTANCE OF 240.28 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 06 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST

ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY EASEMENT FOR A DISTANCE OF 267.84 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED IN DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 868 AT PAGE 144, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE; LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY EASEMENT, RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY FOR A DISTANCE OF 193.61 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, CRANE RIDGE SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CHANCERY CLERK'S OFFICE, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30 AT PAGE 27; SAID POINT ALSO BEING ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIDGEWOOD ROAD (AS NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED); LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 1, CRANE RIDGE SUBDIVISION AND SAID SOUTH LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY, RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIDGEWOOD ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 245.52 FEET; LEAVING SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RIDGEWOOD ROAD, RUN THENCE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY FOR A DISTANCE OF 253.42 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AS NOW LAID OUT AND IMPROVED); SAID POINT ALSO BEING IN THE ARC OF A 0.50529 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 04 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 11,339.16 FEET; LEAVING SAID EAST LINE OF THE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY PROPERTY, RUN THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 16.73 FEET; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 83 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 16.73 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET TO THE ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25; SAID POINT ALSO BEING IN THE ARC OF A 0.50440 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 36 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 11,359.16 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE

HIGHWAY 25 AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 177.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF SAID CURVE; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 82 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 177.10 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 55 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 FOR A DISTANCE OF 110.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A 0.50663 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 53 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 11,309.16 FEET; RUN THENCE ALONG SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 114.76 FEET; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 81 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 114.76 FEET; LEAVING SAID ORIGINAL SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY 25 AND THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 424.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 8.829 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING TWO PARCELS IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL 2 AND PARCEL 3:

PARCEL 2

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTH ½ OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 BEING SITUATED IN SECTION 30, T6N-R2E IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 AT PAGE 2; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF SAID CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 47.93 FEET TO A PAINTED DOT MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 78.53 FEET TO A SET ¾" IRON PIN ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 38.10 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 15 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.84 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.46 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 53.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 3,569.6 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL 3

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTH ½ OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 BEING SITUATED IN SECTION 30, T6N-R2E IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 AT PAGE 2; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF SAID CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 47.93 FEET TO A PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 53.54 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.46 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 15 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.84 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE; RUN THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 21.84 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT MARKING THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A 14.0086 DEGREE CURVE BEARING TO THE LEFT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 24 SECONDS AND A RADIUS OF 409.00 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC LENGTH OF 5.28 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; SAID CURVE HAVING A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 79 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 5.28 FEET; LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE AND THE ARC OF SAID CURVE, RUN THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 6.61 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 11

MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 18.50 FEET TO A PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 102.06 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 69.26 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5,075.7 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

TRACT 2:

LOT 4 AND 1.0 FEET OFF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT 3, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 37 AT PAGE 2, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

TRACT 3:

PARCEL 1

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF LOT 6, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 AT PAGE 2 AND ALSO BEING A PART OF THE NORTH ½ OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 BEING SITUATED IN SECTION 30, T6N-R2E IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5 OF THE AFORESAID CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFORESAID LOT 6, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6 FOR A DISTANCE OF 13.33 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; LEAVING SAID WEST LINE OF LOT 6, RUN THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 20.39 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 60.51 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 31.15 FEET TO A PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 47.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1,568.1 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL 4

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE NORTH ½ OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 BEING SITUATED IN SECTION 30, T6N-R2E IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5, CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS NOW RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37 AT PAGE 2; SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 6 OF SAID CRANE RIDGE PROFESSIONAL QUARTERS; RUN THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 69.26 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREE 40 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 102.06 FEET TO A PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 51.76 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 09 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.74 FEET TO AN EXISTING PAINTED DOT; RUN THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 58.32 FEET TO AN EXISTING ½" IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 56.49 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 3.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 3,206.4 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL 590-105

LOT 25, CRANE RIDGE A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 27, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

AND ALSO:

LOTS 3, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 25, CRANE RIDGE, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 30 AT PAGE 27, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

PART OF LOT 25, CRANE RIDGE A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN NAT BOOK 30, AT PAGE 27 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, AND BEING A PART OFF OF THE EAST SIDE OF LOT 8, AND A PART OFF OF THE WEST SIDE OF LOT 9, AND A PART OFF OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 25, CRANE RIDGE SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE HINDS COUNTY CHANCERY CLERK IN PLAT BOOK 30 AT PAGE 27, AND COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9 AS RECORDED AND RUN WESTERLY 81.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN WHICH IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE TURN TO THE LEFT THROUGH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 83 DEGREES 00 MINUTES AND RUN 105.23 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE; THENCE TURN TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN INTERIOR ANGLE OF 142 DEGREES 05 MINUTES AND RUN SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE 28.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY OF A 39 DEGREE 42 MINUTES 42 SECOND DEGREE CURVE; THENCE TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN INTERIOR ANGLE OF 172 DEGREES 25 MINUTES AND RUN ALONG A CHORD OF SAID CURVE 39.36 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9 AS PLATTED; THENCE TURN TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN INTERIOR ANGLE OF 164 DEGREES 29 MINUTES AND RUN ALONG ANOTHER CHORD OF SAID CURVE 34.89 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE TURN TO THE LEFT THROUGH AN INTERIOR ANGLE OF 61 DEGREES 01 MINUTES AND RUN 162.94 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE TURN TO THE RIGHT THROUGH A DEFLECTION ANGLE OF 82 DEGREES 57 MINUTES AND RUN EASTERLY 11.74 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 9 AS PLATTED; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING EASTERLY 65.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 10,657.63 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, CONSISTING OF 3090.60 SQUARE FEET FROM LOT 8, 7307.80 SQUARE FEET FROM LOT 9, AND 259.13 SQUARE FEET FROM LOT 25 OF CRANE RIDGE SUBDIVISION AS ORIGINALLY PLATTED.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT:

PART OF LOT 25, CRANE RIDGE A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 30 PAGE 27, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN AND BEING A PART OF LOT 4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST AND RUN THENCE SOUTH FOR A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET; RUN THENCE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 263.60 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF A 200 FOOT WIDE MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY EASEMENT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 06 DEGREES 18 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT FOR A DISTANCE OF 267.84 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF A MISSISSIPPI POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY 200 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR A DISTANCE OF 240.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT FOR A DISTANCE OF 270.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 200 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 43.47 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT 30 FEET NORTH OF AND AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE CENTERLINE OF CRAIN RIDGE DRIVE; RUN THENCE WESTERLY 30 FEET FROM AND PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID CRAIN RIDGE DRIVE FOR A DISTANCE OF 265.7 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT THAT IS SOUTH 07 DEGREES 10 MINUTES EAST OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 57.79 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND, FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

PART OF LOT 25, CRANE RIDGE A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 30 AT PAGE 27, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEING SITUATED IN LOT 4, SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST, JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, CONTAINING 0.2970 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 25 WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, SAID POINT BEING 150 FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 25; RUN THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST, 521.51 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST, 235.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST, 15.56 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST, 264.01 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 50.05 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 82 DEGREES 52 MINUTES EAST, 76.54 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST, 15.82 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES EAST, 185.00 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST, 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND, FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

PART OF LOT 24, CRANE RIDGE, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30 AT PAGE 27, OF THE CHANCERY RECORDS OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, CONTAINING 0.2363 ACRES, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH ROW LINE OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 25 AND THE EAST LINE OF LOT 4, SECTION 30, T6N-R2E, JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SAID POINT BEING 150 FEET FROM THE CENTER LINE OF SAID HIGHWAY 25; THENCE RUN S 00°16'30" W, 521.51 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 4 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 22 OF SAID

CRANE RIDGE SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUN N 89°48'W, 235.30 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF INSURANCE CENTER DRIVE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THENCE RUN S 00°12' W, 5.45 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF INSURANCE CENTER DRIVE TO THE NORTH LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE; THENCE RUN S 81°28' W, 264.01 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF CRANE RIDGE DRIVE; THENCE RUN N 00°14'30" E, 34.94 FEET; THENCE RUN N 82°52' E, 76.54 FEET; THENCE RUN N 00°22' E, 15.82 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89°48' E, 185.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF INSURANCE CENTER DRIVE; THENCE RUN S 00°12' W, 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 1830 (Parcel 590-22-13) & 0 Crane Ridge Drive (Parcels 590-22-4, 590-105 & 590-22-15) from C2 (Limited) Commercial District to C3 (General) Commercial District to provide for consistent zoning for the entire development ("The Quarter"). However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Lindsey seconded.

Yea – Banks, Foote, Loc, Lindsay, Tillman.
Nays – None.
Absent – Stumps and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Meeting on March 15, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6S, Pgs. 600-607."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 16th day of May, 2021.



Angela Harris
Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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Advertisement for Bid

Bid 3185 Pest Control Services

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 19, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

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Bid 3186 Interior and Exterior Improvements for Raines Elementary School

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Electronic Bidding Advertisement for Bids

Bid 3187 Structural Improvement for Johnson Elementary School

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RFP 2021-13 Vocabulary Solution for Kindergarten and 1st thru 12th Grades

RFP 2021-14 Lead Partner for Praxis Support

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RFP 2021-15 Biometric Scanner and Software Program

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Bid 3189 Child Nutrition Frozen Food, Meat Products, Crackers and Chips

Electronic and sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 (Local Prevailing Time) May 28, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

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RFP 2021-11 Online and Blended Learning

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Re-Bid RFP 2021-03 JPS Seeks a Pool of College/University Partners to Provide Teacher Certification Program Support and an English as a Second Language (ELS) Endorsement

Electronic and sealed rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), June 04, 2021 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all rfp, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfp are opened.

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing Bettie Jones at HYPERLINK "mailto:bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us" bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us or calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AN EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AT 2807 OLD CANTON TO INCLUDE 2801 OLD CANTON RD

ZONING CASE NO. 4033

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Michael Boerner has filed with the City Council a request for the expansion of a Conditional Use Permit into an additional suite for the operation of a community recreational facility/family fitness center within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District for the property located at 2801 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel: 47-6-1), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the parcel of land conveyed by The East Point Corporation to Standard Life Insurance Company of the South by deed dated December 30, 1949, and recorded in Book 630, Page 49 of the land records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Mississippi, and run thence in a westerly direction, along a prolongation of the southern boundary of the said Standard Life property 15.8 feet to a point, and run thence in a southern direction along the western boundary of the property of The East Point Corporation 40 feet to a point, and run thence east along a line parallel to the southern boundary of the said Standard Life property to a point on the western boundary of the Old Canton Road right-of-way (which Old Canton Road is sometimes referred to as Canton Avenue), as said boundary exists as of this date, and run thence in a northerly direction along the said western boundary of said Old Canton Road 40 feet to the Southeast corner of said Standard Life's parcel of land, and run thence west along the said southern boundary of said Standard Life's parcel to the point of beginning.

And being the same property in Instrument recorded in Book 2774 at Page 237.

Said application will be heard at the City Council Meeting in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 209 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, May 17, 2021, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the Jackson City Council can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

WITNESS my signature this 4th day of May 2021.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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Employment Ad

Hinds County Economic Development Authority (HCEDA) Board of Trustees seeks a full-time Executive Director to oversee the day-to-day operations of HCEDA, including the management, utilization and conservation of its financial, human and physical resources, under the authority and supervision of the HCEDA Board of Trustees.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in business administration, economic or community development, urban & regional planning, engineering, or a related field, along with a minimum of five (5) years' experience in economic or community development, urban & regional planning, or a closely-related profession and with a proven track record of successfully locating new capital investment.

Advanced degree(s) and CECD designation and/or EDFP certification is preferred.

Salary will be based upon experience.

Applications must be received by June 10, 2021.

For additional details regarding this role as well as information on how to apply, visit <https://selecthinds.com/careers>

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RFP 2021-12 JPS Seeks a Pool of Partners to Provide Content-Area Support/Job Embedded Professional Development (Process Standard 20) and Administrative and Instructional Coaching Support

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Electronic Bidding Advertisement for Bid Bid 3188 Lake Elementary School Renovations

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi will host a public hearing to be held in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 18, 2021. The Public Hearing will provide information on its Facilities Plan for the proposed Water Distribution System Improvement Projects at O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant and J.H. Fewell Water Treatment Plant. The City will be seeking low interest Drinking Water System Improvement Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) assistance for Fiscal Year 2021. The impact of the project will be improving customer satisfaction and safe, reliable service delivery of drinking water. Adverse impacts on historical, archaeological, or cultural areas are not expected, which is certified in the response letter from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The letter from Fish and Wildlife Service specified that the proposed project does not contain suitable habitat for species protected under the ESA. The project is necessary to ensure the City of Jackson consistently and reliably provide drinking water to its customers. The total cost of the loan is currently estimated at approximately \$ 27,953,300, which is being sought through the DWSIRLF low-interest loan program. The water distribution system improvement project is eligible for participating under the State of Mississippi low-interest DWSIRLF loan program.

The Public Hearing will present a description of the recommended project, estimated costs, as well as the estimated cost per household impact for customers for the eligible loan. The typical residential customer bill for drinking water is expected to increase by no more than 1%, assuming that low-interest loans can be obtained through the DWSIRLF loan program. The purpose of the hearing is not only to inform but also to seek and gather input from people that will be affected. Comments and viewpoints from the public are encouraged.

The City of Jackson will begin a public comment period on May 13, 2021. The comment period will allow citizens to review the proposed Water Distribution Improvement Projects Facilities Plan and offer additional comments.

A copy of the Water Distribution System Improvements Facilities Plan is available by email request to Mauricka McKenzie, PE at admin@cornerstoneengllc.com. Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Mauricka McKenzie, PE at admin@cornerstoneengllc.com until June 13, 2021.

Charles Williams Jr, PE, PhD
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

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The big lie as journalism: Murdock paper publishes ‘book lie’ on Vice President Harris

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor



On April 23, *The New York Post* published and then edited a story that claimed that a children’s book by Vice President Kamala Harris was given out to migrant children at the Mexican border as part of a “welcome kit” upon entering the U.S.

Former *New York Post* writer Laura Italiano claims she was forced to write the story.

“The Kamala Harris story – an incorrect story I was ordered to write and which I failed to push back hard enough against – was my breaking point,” wrote Italiano on social media April 27.

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The non-factual information

after the election of President Joe Biden has resulted in lawsuits for defamation – such as two lawsuits by Smartmatic and Dominion Voting Systems.

The companies are suing Murdoch’s Fox Corporation for billions in defamation and named Fox anchors Lou Dobbs, Maria Bartiromo and Jeanine Pirro as

defendants.

Dominion Voting Systems sued Rudy Giuliani for \$1.3 billion based on over 50 statements by Giuliani made at hearings, on social media, his podcast and on Fox News – where Giuliani claimed Dominion Voting Systems “flipped” votes to facilitate Biden’s win. Biden won by over 7 million votes with several Republican controlled states certifying his election as legitimate.

The headline in the article was headlined by the words “Kam on in.” The “news” story claimed that migrant children were being given “welcome” packets with a copy of the vice president’s 2019 children’s book, “Superheroes Are Everywhere.”

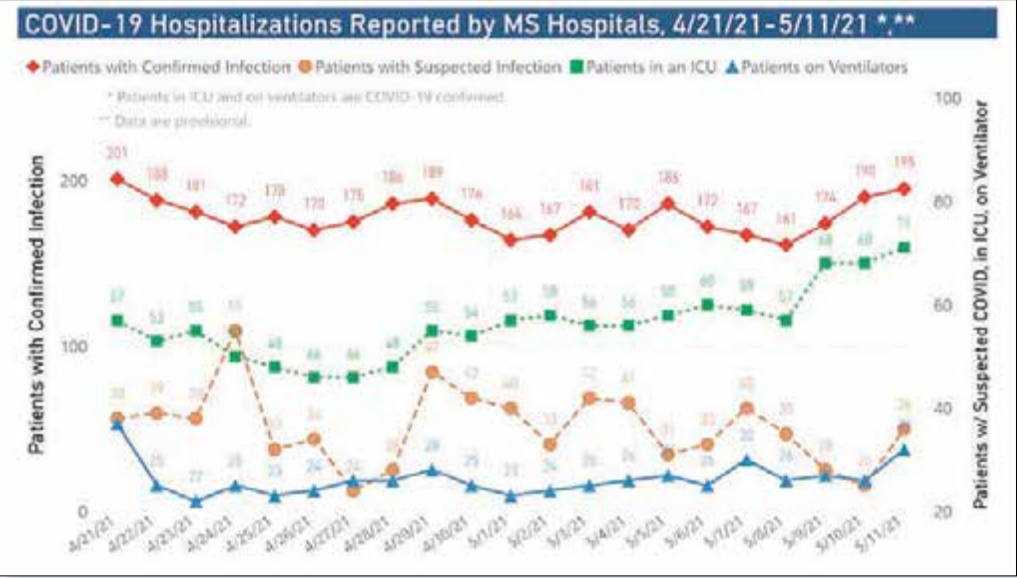
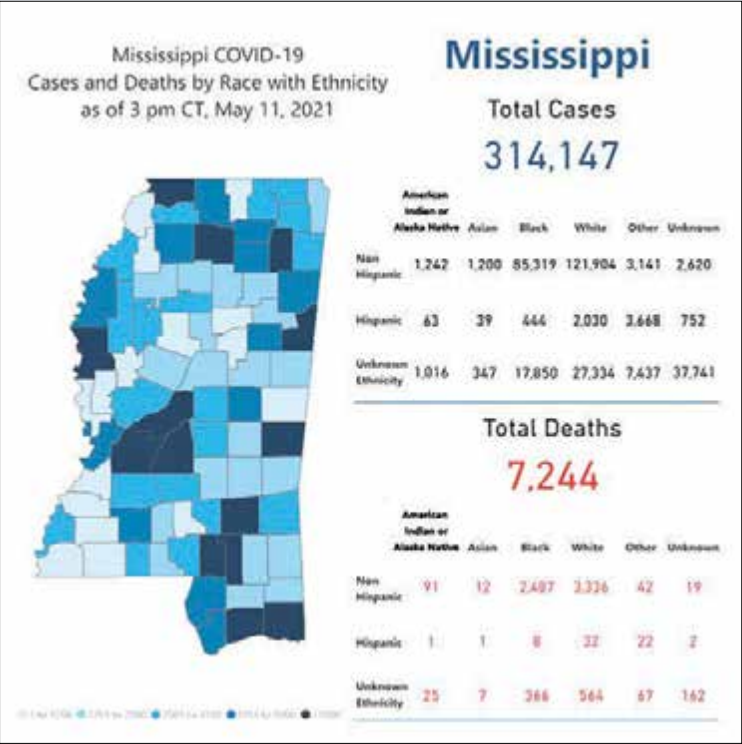
Daniel Dale, a fact checker at CNN, pointed out that *The New York Post* “temporarily deleted, and then edited and republished,” the debunked piece.

An editor’s note at the bottom of the current version of the story now reads: “Editor’s note: The original version of this article said migrant kids were getting Harris’ book in a welcome kit, but has been updated to note that only one known copy of the book was given to a child.”

A CNN poll released April 30 indicates that the “big lie” strategy is working on some Americans. The question “Did Biden Legitimately Win Enough Votes for The Presidency,” resulted in Republicans answering “no” 70 to 23 percent.

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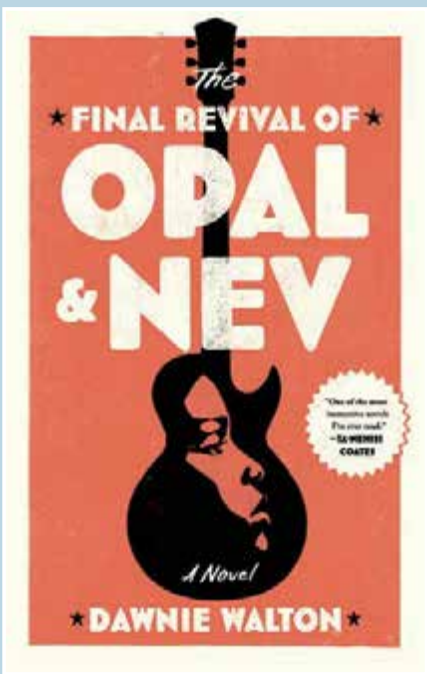
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BOOK REVIEW:

THE FINAL REVIVAL OF OPAL & NEV

BY DAWNIE WALTON
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

It’s got a good beat. The melody is fun, too; it makes your body move, and you’ve already caught yourself singing along when you hear it again. That song’s a hit, but in the new novel, “The Final Revival of Opal & Nev” by Dawnie Walton, there’s still something off-key about it. For most of her life, Sunny Curtis had “taken great pains to conceal” what had happened in 1970. It’s not that she was embarrassed that her father and Opal Jewel

had an affair – he was beaten to death at the Rivington Showcase, she never even knew him – she just preferred to make her own mark. But after she became the first black editor-in-chief at Aural magazine, Curtis realized that there was her chance to do something she couldn’t do before. She reached out to Opal and Nev. Nev Charles had grown up in Birmingham, England, and was a tall, geeky, red-headed fourteen-year-old the year he started writing songs for the Boys from Birming-

ham, a small-time, local band. It didn’t take long for his talents to eclipse theirs and soon enough, Nev moved to New York to find fame. Rivington Records signed him but owner Howie Kelly wanted Nev to have a female singing partner. Together, they found Opal in Detroit. She was “ugly,” skinny and bald, and the truth was that her sister, Peggy, was supposed to have the singing career, but Peggy went and married a pastor in Birmingham, Alabama. It was just before

that when Nev and Howie saw Opal behind Peggy at an open mic event. She was wearing a gold dress and moving, and Nev knew Opal was it. Everybody always thought he was in love with her, but he seemed a little scared of her, too. Opal didn’t suffer fools. She stood up for herself, with words or all-out war, and she was almost fearless but she could be impulsive. That impulsivity was part of why Sunny Curtis’s father died, and it almost killed Opal’s career... Reading “The Final Revival

of Opal & Nev” is like driving down the road with the radio on: most of the time, everything’s fine but sometimes, you have bad reception and you can’t quite understand the content. Two miles (or two pages) later, everything’s good again. You might blame that on this novel’s “interview” style. Author Dawnie Walton lets Sunny do the bridge narration – be sure to start reading with the “editor’s note” – and other characters weigh in as the tale progresses. That’s an interesting method of storytelling,

but it can skip like a broken record or a corrupted file, and can be just as annoying. And yet – Readers who deep-dive into the music scene, who love immersing themselves in an album, or who relish a complicated novel with a decades-long arc, will love this one. It’s quite slow, but the culmination is heart-pounding and the ending will rip your heart out. If a novel like that sounds like a song to you, then “The Final Revival of Opal & Nev” can’t be beat.

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Mississippi receiving virus relief money spread over 2 years

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi legislators are not in session now, so it could be months before they start deciding how to spend \$1.8 billion in the latest round of pandemic relief from the federal government.

Mississippi will receive part of the money this year and the rest next year.

The U.S. Treasury Department on Monday released details about how much money state and local governments are receiving under the American

Rescue Plan signed into law by President Joe Biden, and how the money may be spent.

State and local governments may use the federal money for public health, including efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. They may use it to address economic problems that the pandemic has caused for workers, households, small businesses, industries and government. They also may use some of the money to replace tax revenue that was lost because of the pandemic; to provide extra pay for essential workers.

Other acceptable uses are for improvements to water and sewer systems and expansion of broadband access, the Treasury Department said.

States are not allowed to use the money to cut taxes, shore up pension funds or rainy day funds, make payments on long-term debt or pay off legal settlements, under the Treasury rules.

Some states can receive their full share of federal relief money this year and others will receive it in two payments a year apart. The 20 states receiving the full share this year have

unemployment rates at least 2 percentage points higher now than in February 2020. Mississippi is among the 30 states with an unemployment rate that has not climbed to that level, so it will receive its money over two years.

Mississippi legislators' next regular session begins in January. Republican Gov. Tate Reeves could call them into special session, if he wants, to decide how to spend the federal money.

Payments to cities and counties will be split into two batch-

es — some this year and some next year.

In addition to the \$1.8 billion that is going to Mississippi state government, Mississippi is receiving \$268 million that will be split among cities and towns with fewer than 50,000 residents. During their 2021 session, legislators created a state fund where this money will be sent. The state will distribute the money to those communities.

The federal government on Monday also released information about money going to

larger Mississippi cities. Jackson will receive \$42.1 million; Gulfport, \$19.5 million; Hattiesburg, \$12.9 million; Biloxi, \$11.1 million; Southaven, \$7.6 million; Pascagoula, \$5.2 million; and Moss Point, \$2.7 million.

Counties are receiving money based on population. Mississippi's largest county, Hinds, is receiving \$45 million. The only Mississippi counties receiving less than \$1 million are both sparsely populated. Issaquena will receive \$257,754 and Sharkey, \$839,304.

Reeves: Mississippi to drop federal unemployment supplement

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi will stop accepting supplemental unemployment benefits from the federal government next month, Republican Gov. Tate Reeves said Monday.

Reeves said the weekly supplement of \$300 per person was intended to help people "who are unemployed through no fault of their own" because

of the coronavirus pandemic.

"After many conversations over the last several weeks with Mississippi small business owners and their employees, it has become clear that the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and other like programs passed by the Congress may have been necessary in May of last year but are no longer so in May of this year," Reeves wrote on Facebook.

Alabama, Arkansas, Montana and South Carolina are also planning to stop accepting the \$300 federal supplement.

Reeves said he has told the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to tell the federal government that the state will opt out of the additional federal unemployment benefits June 12, the earliest date allowed by federal law. Without the federal supple-

ment, the maximum weekly unemployment benefit in Mississippi is \$235, according to the department.

"It has become clear to me that we cannot have a full economic recovery until we get the thousands of available jobs in our state filled," Reeves wrote.

The governor said he also told the Department of Employment Security to enforce the requirement for a person

to document that he or she is looking for a job in order to receive unemployment benefits. The job search requirement had been waived during the past year because of the pandemic.

Mississippi House Speaker Philip Gunn sent Reeves a letter Monday saying that he and other lawmakers have heard from "increasingly desperate" businesspeople who say they cannot fill jobs.

"They report that they cannot get employees to return to work because they can earn more from combined federal and state unemployment benefits than their normal wages," Gunn wrote in the letter, which Republican state Rep. Nick Bain posted on Twitter.

A 40-hour-per-week job at the minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour would pay \$290 a week before taxes are taken out.

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Congratulations to RHS Girls 2021 Track Team for winning the 4A State Championship



Girls Track Team accomplishments for the 2021 Season
District 6-4A Champions
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Congratulation to Aleesha Hudson on being named the MDE 2021 Mississippi Parent of the Year



The Mississippi Department of Education announced Thursday, May 6, 2021, that the 2021 Mississippi Parent of the Year is Aleesha Hudson. Hudson, who is a member of the CMS PTA and serves on the district's Parent Engagement Network Team, was named the HCSD Parent of the Year in January 2021. She is the mother of two children in the HCSD and a proud graduate of the former Carver Jr. High and Raymond High School. Hudson stated, "during my Raymond experience, I was filled with knowledge, love and confidence. Those lessons have guided me in my journey as a professional and a parent. I look forward to my continued support of the school and district in the years to come."

Congratulations to our Individual State Champions



Senior Erriona Miller / 200 Meter Dash State Champion



Sophomore Jakia Joiner / Triple Jump State Champion

Girls Track Team Members for the 2021 Season

1. Kenyatta Allen – Discus
2. D'asia Franklin – High Jump / 100-meter dash / 300-meter hurdles
3. Chaydsia Horton – 4 by 800 relay & 200-meter relay
4. Jakia Joiner – 4 by 100-meter relay / 200 meet relay
5. Makinnah Jones – Long Jump / High Jump
6. Madyson McGill – Pole Vault / 200-meter run / 4 by 100-meter relay / 4 by 200-meter relay

7. Erriona Miller – 100-meter run / 4 by 100 meter relay / 4 by 200-meter relay
8. Destiny Paige – 100-meter Hurdles
9. Leah Roberts – 4 by 800meter relay / 400-meter run / 1600-meter relay
10. Julia Robinson – Shot put / Discus
11. Autavia Sanford – 4 by 800-meter relay / 800-meter run / 1600-meter relay
12. Trinity Shelby – 100-meter run / 400-meter relay / 300-meter Hurdles
13. Leah Sutton – Shot Put /Discus
14. Aliyah Webb – Triple Jump / 1600-meter run
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